

MINUTES OF THE CANANDAIGUA CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2018 7:00 P.M.  
City Council Chambers  
City Website: canandaiguanewyork.gov

**Pledge of Allegiance:**

**Roll Call:**

**Members Present:** Councilmember Ward 1 Nick Cutri  
Councilmember Ward 2 Robert Palumbo  
Councilmember Ward 3 Karen White  
Councilmember Ward 4 Renée Sutton  
Councilmember-at-Large Robert O'Brien  
Councilmember-at-Large James Terwilliger  
Councilmember-at-Large Stephen Uebbing  
Councilmember-at-Large David Whitcomb  
Mayor Ellen Polimeni

**Also Present:** City manager, John Goodwin  
City Clerk-Treasurer Nancy C. Abdallah  
Corporation Counsel Terence Robinson, Boylan Code  
Assistant City Manager Rob Richardson

**Public Hearing Proposed 2019 City Budget:**

Mayor Polimeni opened the public hearing at 7:01 PM.

- Maria Bucci, West Gibson St., made the following statements
  - Services – other City services are at risk because too many resources are going to one department.
  - Tax Equity –tax exempt properties should pay for fire and police. This would be a more equitable approach.
  - Sustainability- We need to sacrifice services or raise more revenue. You should not use fund balance to balance the budget.
- Mike Yarger, Rochester NY – Commends John and staff for the budget. He is concerned about the increase in the Code Enforcement Office which proposes that the part time staff position be changed to full time. Apparently, they can do the job with the current staffing so this should be the last place to increase staff, especially with understaffed police and fire departments.,
- Ethan Fogg- Director of the Chamber of Commerce spoke on behalf of the funding paid for by the City of Canandaigua and the efforts of the Chamber to promote Canandaigua.
- Joe Nacca, Chapel St, spoke about tax exempt properties. 33% of the properties in the City of Canandaigua have exemptions from taxes which means the rest of us has to pick up the load. We need to focus on what PILOTS were meant to be, tax exempt properties making payments in lieu of taxes they are exempt from. We have phony pilots which enables taxable properties to pay less taxes. This is insulting to the rest of the taxpayers. He does not understand how unelected people (IDA), can impose tax exemptions. This community and many others need to consider real pilots to pay for services rendered.
- Ryan Zanghi, Hubble St, stated that we need more firefighters to restore the department to safer staffing levels.

- Eric Cooper, Hubble St. – It is not fair to blame firefighters for the rising cost in the budget. The City needs to spend more on firefighters and hire more personnel. Proper budget planning is not being done when expected budgeted losses end up as surpluses.

Mayor Polimeni closed the public hearing at 7:23 PM.

**Review of Community Core Values:** Community Core Values: As residents, city staff and appointed & elected officials of the City of Canandaigua, our decisions and actions will be guided by these core values: Responsive, Participatory Governance; Caring & Respect; Integrity; Heritage; Stewardship; and Continuous Improvement.

**Approval of Minutes:** None

**Recognition of Guests:** None

**Committee Reports:** None

**Resolutions:** None

**Ordinances:**

**Ordinance #2018-008:** *(Remains on the Table)*

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING  
CHAPTER 292 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE  
TO PROHIBIT PESTICIDES ON RIGHTS-OF-WAY**

**Ordinance #2018-011:** *(Introduced and tabled on November 1, 2018)*

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 519  
OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE ENTITLED “PARKS AND RECREATION AREAS”**

*Lift from the Table:*

Moved: Council Member Ward 1 Cutri

Seconded: Councilmember Ward 3 White

*Vote Result: Carried unanimously by voice vote (9-0)*

*Vote on Ordinance:*

Moved: Council Member Ward 1 Cutri

Seconded: Councilmember Ward 4 Sutton

*The motion CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY on the following vote:*

**AYES:** Council Member Ward 1 Cutri, Council Member Ward 2 Palumbo, Councilmember Ward 3 White, Councilmember Ward 4 Sutton, Councilmember-at-Large O'Brien, Councilmember-at-Large Terwilliger, Councilmember-at-Large Uebbing, Councilmember-at-Large Whitcomb and Mayor Polimeni.

**NOES:** None

## **Local Laws:**

### **Local Law #2018-002:** *(Introduced and tabled on November 1, 2018)*

#### **A LOCAL LAW ESTABLISHING AND IMPOSING SEWER RENTS IN THE CITY OF CANANDAIGUA**

*Move to withdraw the local law:*

Moved: Councilmember-at-Large Uebbing

Seconded: Council Member Ward 1 Cutri

*Vote Result: Carried unanimously by voice vote (9-0)*

### **Manager's Report:** City Manager John D. Goodwin reported the following:

- The roads are very bad so please drive carefully and wants to remind the public that not all roads are salted due to our “Sensible” salting policy.
- Thanked the Town of Canandaigua who helped us with snow plowing earlier this week.
- The Dog Park will have a soft opening next week.

### **Appointments:** None

### **Miscellaneous:** There are two remaining budget workshops at the end of the month at Wood Library.

### **Executive Session:**

Councilmember Ward 4 Sutton moved to close the regular meeting to go into Executive Session at 7:34 PM for pending litigation. Councilmember Ward 3 White seconded the motion.

*Vote Result: Carried unanimously by voice vote (9-0)*

### **Regular Session:**

Councilmember Ward 4 Sutton moved to close the executive session and return to the regular meeting at 7:49 PM. Councilmember-at-Large Uebbing seconded the motion.

*Vote Result: Carried unanimously by voice vote (9-0).*

### **Adjournment**

Councilmember Ward 4 Sutton moved to adjourn the regular session at 7:49 PM. Councilmember-at-Large Uebbing seconded the motion.

*Vote Result: Carried unanimously by voice vote (9-0).*

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Nancy C. Abdallah, Clerk Treasurer  
City of Canandaigua